

**FIRE CHIEF
STUDY GUIDE**

A written examination for the class of FIRE CHIEF to be administered in HOUMA on JULY 27, 2000, will consist of approximately 148 multiple-choice questions. The examination will test your knowledge in the following subject areas:

SUBJECT AREA/KNOWLEDGE	APPROXIMATE % OF EXAM
FIRE ADMINISTRATION Knowledge of the principles of effective fire service administration, including management theory and organizational behavior, planning and research, productivity evaluation, risk management, and establishing a system for internal department controls.	18.2%
PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT/EMPLOYEE RELATIONS Knowledge of accepted practices in personnel management and of the procedures for developing and maintaining an effective employee relations program, including recruitment and selection, performance evaluation, grievance resolution, and applicable provisions of civil service law.	16.9%
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT Knowledge of the financial management and planning process of a public agency, including bookkeeping procedures, budget preparation, and overseeing the expenditure of budgeted funds.	5.4%
WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS Knowledge of the information gathering process and compilation of data into an effective written format for correspondence, reports, or other formal department communications.	5.4%

SUBJECT AREA/KNOWLEDGE	APPROXIMATE % OF EXAM
PUBLIC RELATIONS Knowledge of effective public relations practices which foster a positive public image of the department through contact with the media, other agencies, and the public.	6.7%
PUBLIC FIRE PREVENTION EDUCATION Knowledge of the procedures involved in developing and conducting a fire prevention/public education program to address specific community needs.	5.4%
SUPERVISION Knowledge of the practices and techniques used in effective supervision in order to plan, organize, direct, and evaluate the work of subordinates, to resolve conflicts, and to maintain discipline.	18.2%
TRAINING Knowledge of the procedures for evaluating the training needs of the department and for developing and implementing an effective training program.	5.4%
MANAGEMENT OF EQUIPMENT/PROPERTY/SUPPLIES Knowledge of the management of equipment, property, and supplies for the department, including overseeing general care and maintenance of property and equipment, ordering and purchasing of equipment and supplies, and the preparation of specifications on new equipment for public bids.	5.4%

SUBJECT AREA/KNOWLEDGE	APPROXIMATE % OF EXAM
FIRE GROUND COMMAND/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT Knowledge of the procedures necessary to manage operations at the scene of a fire or other emergency, in order to develop and implement an emergency management system; to direct and control emergency operations, including the handling of hazardous materials; to monitor the activities of command staff; and to establish and implement fireground communications.	8.1%
FIRE PREVENTION AND INVESTIGATION Knowledge of fire prevention procedures, of life safety codes, and of arson investigation procedures in order to direct a program of fire inspections, pre-fire planning, and fire scene investigations.	5.4%

REFERENCE LIST

While the entire list of reference material will be useful to you in your preparation for the upcoming examination, the **majority** of test questions are sourced from those references listed under the Primary List.

PRIMARY REFERENCE MATERIAL

EFFECTIVE SUPERVISORY PRACTICES, International City Management Association (ICMA), 1120 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005, 3rd ed., 1995.

NOTE: Obtain through LSU Firemen Training Program or IFSTA Fire Protection Publications.

MANAGING FIRE SERVICES, International City Management Association (ICMA), 1140 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, 2nd ed., 1988.

NOTE: Available through LSU Firemen Training Program or IFSTA Fire Protection Publications.

ADVANCED SUPERVISORY PRACTICES, International City/County Management Association, 777 N. Capitol Street N.E., Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20002-4201, 1992.

NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (NFPA) PUBLICATIONS AND STANDARDS:

MANAGEMENT IN THE FIRE SERVICE, Carter, Harry R., and Rausch, Erwin, NFPA, Quincy Mass., 3rd ed., 1999.

FIRE PROTECTION HANDBOOK, NFPA, 18th ed., 1997.

OTHER RECOMMENDED PUBLICATIONS:

EFFECTIVE PUBLIC RELATIONS, Cutlip, Scott M./Center, Allen M./Broom, Glen M., Prentice-Hall, Inc., A Simon & Schuster Company, Upper Saddle River, NJ 07458, 7th ed., 1994.

MANAGEMENT POLICIES IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE, International City/County Management Association (ICMA), 777 N. Capitol Street NE, Suite 500, Washington, D.C., 20002-4201, 4th ed., 1996.

BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS, Dumont, Raymond, and Lannon, John, Southeastern Massachusetts University, Little, Brown and Company, Boston, 2nd ed., 1987.

SECONDARY REFERENCE MATERIAL

INTERNATIONAL FIRE SERVICE TRAINING ASSOCIATION (IFSTA)/ FIRE PROTECTION PUBLICATIONS (Training Manuals):

Fire Department Company Officer, 2nd ed., 1989.

Fire and Emergency Services Instructor, 6th ed., 1999.

Fire and Life Safety Educator, 2nd ed., 1997.

The local civil service board should make this study guide available to all applicants in whatever manner the board deems appropriate.

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